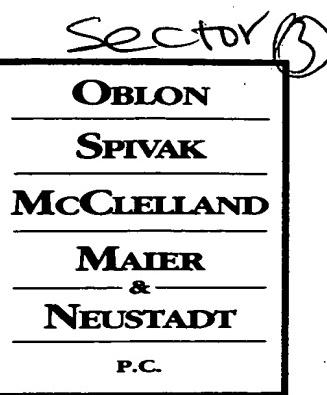




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**THIS IS A RESPONSE TO A  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING  
PARTS OF AN APPLICATION**

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Re: Inventor: Yoshio SUGAYA, et al.  
Serial No: 09/909,898  
Filed: July 23, 2001  
For: ANION EXCHANGE MEMBRANE, PROCESS FOR ITS PRODUCTION  
AND SOLUTION TREATING APPARATUS

SIR: Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application - Return Copy  
Filing of Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.53(f)  
Copy of Specification as filed, with 12 Claims  
Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application (executed, 4 pages)  
Request for Priority  
Priority Document (1)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)**

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated August 31, 2001, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

The Declaration enclosed herewith, attached to the specification, is believed to adequately identify the above-identified application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63, as set forth in MPEP Section 601.01.

The undersigned hereby states that the specification to which the Declaration is attached is a true copy of the specification, and any amendments thereto, as originally filed in the Patent Office in order to obtain a filing date.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number, filed, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**.
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

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| JAPAN          | 2000-221865               | July 24, 2000         |

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

### *Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- o The oath or declaration is missing.

*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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